

RAVAGES OF CATERPILLARS

Reports from many districts, but more particularly from the eastern counties of Ontario and western Quebec, state that tent caterpillars have this season been unusually numerous, and the damage done has assumed serious proportions. In fact this pest has been prevalent during the past three years.

The depredations of these insects are over for this season. The caterpillars have successively passed through the pupa and the adult or moth stage and the new generations are now in the egg stage of their existence. The moths lay their eggs on the small branches or twigs of the tree, the egg mass being in the form of a girde. The eggs hatch in a few weeks but the minute caterpillars remain in the eggs during the winter.

Preventative measures consist in removing and destroying the egg masses. These can be found quite readily when the leaves have fallen. The offering of prizes to school children for the collection of the eggs would prove of great assistance in the control of this pest.

A copy of the annual report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association has come to hand, and as usual is full of information of interest and value to vegetable growers. We notice, however, that unlike most reports of this character it does not contain a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the association for the year. While it is true that the year of the association does not end at the time the annual convention is held, arrangements might easily be made for the publication of a statement which would show the financial standing of the association and character of the work it is doing. This is information with which the public has a right to be furnished, and which should be included in the report.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

Year by year an increasing number of the readers of The Canadian Horticulturist have been asking us for information concerning greenhouses in the home and their management. In some instances there has been a desire for articles dealing with large conservatories such as owned only by the wealthy few. An effort to meet this demand has been made in this issue of The Canadian Horticulturist. This is the first occasion on which we have devoted so much attention to greenhouse work. We feel sure that those of our readers who have been looking for information along these lines will appreciate this issue to the full as well as many others who may not be as yet in a position to own a greenhouse, but who have pleasant visions for the future.

The September issue of The Canadian Horticulturist will be our third Annual Fall Packing and Exhibition Number. It will maintain the high standard established by the first two issues. There will not only be a special front cover, showing a packing scene in a large Canadian orchard, but the articles throughout will be appropriate and timely in character. While we cannot as yet speak definitely with regard to all the articles we expect that the subjects that will be discussed, each by one of Canada's foremost authorities, will include the following: "Packing Peaches for the Export Trade," "Interprovincial

Trade-Needed. Regulations," "Improving Nova Scotia's Apple Pack," "Common Mistakes in the Packing of Fruit," "Improvements Needed in the Barrel Pack," "Packing Tender Varieties of Apples," "What the Western States can Teach us in Packing," and "Popular Packs for Ontario Apples." In the vegetable department there will be a special article dealing with the preparation of vegetables for market. The floral pages will also be strong. They will include the description of a garden of a rose enthusiast, by Mr. F. E. Buck, of Ottawa, as well as a page of timely notes dealing with the work every amateur gardener should attend to during September. There will be a number of other short articles, and numerous illustrations. Throughout it will be possibly the strongest issue of The Canadian Horticulturist we have ever published. The issue will be national in character as the contributors will be leading authorities from each of the principal horticultural provinces. The illustrations will be a special feature in this number. Advertisers will do well to apply for space early.

A glance at the circulation statement on the adjoining page will show that last month's issue of The Canadian Horticulturist was mailed to the largest number of paid subscribers in the history of The Canadian Horticulturist. Nothing is done to force the circulation. It is a natural growth that reflects the steady development of the fruit growing and horticultural interests generally of the Dominion. While the development during the past few years has been rapid we anticipate still more satisfactory progress for the future.

Those readers of The Canadian Horticulturist who have subscribed for the second edition called The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper, seem, from all we hear, to be delighted with the publication. Its circulation is growing rapidly. The Ontario Beekeepers' Association alone has forwarded some eleven hundred subscriptions. The subscriptions received are from persons living from one end of Canada to the other. Thus this edition of the paper is as truly national in character as is the general circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist.

A number of our readers have written asking why they have not received their songs in accordance with the offer made in our June issue. We regret the delay. It has been owing to the slowness on the part of some of our readers in sending in their answers. The list is now under preparation, and the songs will be sent out this month. We desire to thank our subscribers for the interest which they took in the contest.

SOCIETY NOTES

Ottawa

The annual rose and peony show held on June 24, was one of the prettiest exhibitions ever held by the Ottawa Horticultural Society. Garden flowers of every kind were there and the artistic arrangement did much to add to the beauty of their general appearance. Probably the most beautiful exhibit was that entered by the Experimental Farm of Ottawa, including a large number of peonies in full bloom. These plants had been imported from abroad, and had been raised at the

Experimental Farm. Another attraction was a special exhibit of roses from Mr. R. G. Farrell.

A splendid collection of palms and potted plants was loaned to the society by Scrims, the Ottawa florists and made a most effective decoration. The entry list was a large one, and numerous prizes were given.

St. Catharines

The tenth annual Rose Show of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society, held on June 20, was an unqualified success. When compared with some of the first shows held by this society the progress made has been almost phenomenal. The showing of roses was magnificent. The judges, H. G. Mulliss, of Brampton, and Mr. S. E. Davidson, of Fonthill, had a difficult task to pick the winners. When it came to the selection of the prettiest exhibit at the fair it was a toss up between the lovely sprays of Lausendshose exhibited by Miss Helen McFarlane and the President rose shown in Major Leonard's collection.

In the floral table decorations the first prize went to Miss L. Watson. The silver cup for the twelve best blooms was won by J. A. Abbs. Mrs. J. W. Gordon won the gold medal for the six best bleemas, the silver medal going to J. A. Abbs, and the bronze medal to A. E. Austen. Much praise is due the officials of the society for the splendid manner in which the show was conducted.

Toronto

"The best ever," was the opinion expressed by those who attended the monthly show of the Toronto Horticultural Society, which was held in Farrester's Hall on July 5th. The display of roses was judged to be the finest ever staged in the city. An encouraging feature was the large number of exhibits from amateurs.

A charming display of sweet peas in all the newer and rarer varieties was made by Sir Edmund Osler. Large displays in roses and other flowers were shown by Sir Henry Pellatt, Mr. J. P. Moore, Miss Jardine, Mr. Geo. Baldwin, Allen Gardens, Mr. D. A. Dunlap, president of the society, Mrs. Allan Baynes, and many others. Many varieties of Giant Larkspur were exhibited, forming a bank of solid blue along one side of the hall. An orchestra added to the enjoyment of the evening.

A feature of the work conducted by the society is a campaign for city beautifying. Citizens are urged to beautify their front lawns by planting flowers and by other means. Competitions for the best kept lawns are being held on the various streets.

Ontario Rose Society

The newly organized Ontario Rose Society held its first exhibition on July 3rd, in George's Hall, Toronto. In spite of the hot weather much interest was taken in the event and the show was a decided success. The largest exhibit was that of Mr. Bryson, rose grower for Mr. T. J. Moore. The society's cup went to the Alexandra Art Gardens and the challenge cup offered by Mr. Moore, to Mrs. T. A. Chisholm.

The object of the society, as outlined by Mr. Moore, the Honorary President, is to encourage the cultivation of roses in Canada, as well as to encourage the beautification of Canadian towns and cities. After the show the flowers were presented to the different hospitals in the city.